

VI. ABSTRACT

A cutting instrument is provided which includes a frame member, a blade body member, a blade element, an acute angle end point, a pivot element and a blade retention cavity. The
5 body member can provide a blade element which is concave and through which a lifting edge which cuts and a retention edge which cuts can both combine to provide a centering feature. This centering feature can be enhanced by blade body designs which also center through the use of an offset concave element. The frame member can include a thumb rest as well as a rotational restraining element which are diametrically opposed and which can present roughly
10 orthogonal forces.